

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-identified application on March 2, 2004. As such, the issue fee payment is due no later than June 2, 2004.

In reviewing the application materials, it is desirable to correct formal matters in the specification and claims, without affecting the scope thereof. See MPEP §714.16. It is respectfully requested that this proposed amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 be entered by the primary Examiner without withdrawing the application from issue. Further, this proposed amendment is timely filed as it is being transmitted before the issue fee payment date of June 2, 2004. It is submitted that the attached changes to the specification and claims are in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1,121(b) and (c) and are important for the proper disclosure or protection of the invention and would require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that they be considered and entry thereof be recommended by the primary Examiner.

In particular, the Examiner will see that it is proposed to amend claim 1, at line 13 thereof, to replace the word "second" with the word "first" so that it is in conformity with the numerous figures of the application. Along these same lines, it is further proposed to make minor alterations throughout various areas of the specification so that certain reference numbers are also in better conformity with the original figures. In short, it is desired to consider the "first pair of electrical leads" as elements 29 and 31, and the "second pair electrical leads" as elements 23 and 25. The original figures of the application wholly support these proposed changes such that they do not add any new matter to the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 13-1940. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing **PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (11 pages)** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 12th day of May, 2004.


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